

BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA  
DOCKET NO. 2000-0017-C - ORDER NO. 2001-681  
AUGUST 14, 2001

IN RE: Application of Broadband Office	)	ORDER CANCELLING
Communications, Inc. for a Certificate of	)	CERTIFICATE AND
Public Convenience and Necessity to Provide	)	WITHDRAWING TARIFF
Local Exchange and Intrastate Interexchange	)	
Telecommunications Services within the	)	
State of South Carolina and for Alternative	)	
and Flexible Regulation.	)	

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the "Commission") on the request of BroadBand Office Communications, Inc. ("BBOC" or the "Company") to cancel its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide local exchange and intrastate interexchange telecommunications services within the State of South Carolina and to withdraw its applicable tariffs.

By letter dated July 10, 2001, counsel for BBOC advised the Commission that BBOC was requesting cancellation of its Certificate to provide competitive intrastate local exchange and interLATA telecommunications services within the State of South Carolina and withdrawal of BBOC's tariffs. BBOC's authority to provide local exchange and interexchange telecommunications services was granted by Order No. 2000-0412 (dated May 8, 2000).

As reasoning for its request to cancel its operating authority, BBOC stated that on May 9, 2001, the parent company of BBOC, Broadband Office, Inc. ("BBO") filed for protection under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code in the U.S. District Court in the

District of Delaware. Moreover, the letter states that despite the parent company's numerous efforts to secure additional financing to keep its retail business operational, BBO was unable to find a buyer for the business. As a result of BBO's inability to find a buyer for the business, BBOC finds it has no choice but to terminate service to its South Carolina customers. On May 10, 2001, BBO sent a notice to all of its customers indicating that it was in bankruptcy and that it and its subsidiaries intend to discontinue service to all customers. The letter dated July 10, 2001, states that BBOC does not have any voice customers in the State of South Carolina. Additionally, the Company requests that its South Carolina Tariffs 1, 2, 3, and 4 be canceled.

As BBOC, by its own acknowledgment, intends to no longer provide the services for which its Certificate was granted, the Commission finds and concludes that BBOC's request to cancel its Certificate and to withdraw its tariffs should be granted.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. The Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide local exchange and intrastate interexchange telecommunications services within the State of South Carolina authorized by Order No. 2000-0412, dated May 8, 2000, issued to BBOC in Docket Number 2000-0017-C is hereby cancelled, and the tariffs filed by the Company are withdrawn.

